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1. HAVE COMPLETED THE FOLLOW-UP CONTACTS YOU REQUESTED.
2. INFORMATION ACQUIRED BY AIR FORCE OSI DESCRIBING PLANS FOR A TET OFFENSIVE (DDIIR 1-655-0146) WAS DISSEMINATED TO 7TH AF ON THE DATE IT WAS ACQUIRED, 20 JANUARY; TO WASHINGTON AND THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY HERE ON 22 JANUARY VIA MACV DISUM 22-68.

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3. AS FOR STATISTICS ON REPORTS, [REDACTED] GETS AN AVERAGE OF 5 REPORTS DAILY FROM A PROVINCE AND 5 MORE FROM A REGION. HE GETS NONE AT DISTRICT LEVEL. THIS WOULD PRODUCE A COUNTRY-WIDE DAILY TAKE OF OVER 200 PROVINCE REPORTS PLUS 40 ORIGINATING AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL. [REDACTED] GIVES 611 AS HIS DAILY AVERAGE OF DOCUMENTS RECEIVED AND RELEASED.

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4. DISCUSSIONS WITH COL HTUCHINS AND COL SMITH AT 7TH AF DEALT EXCLUSIVELY WITH VC LOGISTICS. COL SMITH HAS STATISTICS BASED ON PILOT REPORTS, SENSORS, AND ROAD WATCH SHOWING A SHARP UPSWING IN TRUCK TRAFFIC IN EARLY JANUARY.

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HE BELIEVES THIS TYPE INFORMATION WILL BE USEFUL FOR INDICATIONS PURPOSES IN THE FUTURE. THE COLONEL SAID QUITE FRANKLY HE IS JUST BEGINNING TO CUT INTO THIS CAKE WITH HIS LIMITED MANPOWER.

5. TALK WITH EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER, MR. CRAMPSEY, WAS ILLUMINATING. THE ONLY PEOPLE RELIEVED AT 0200 WERE THE CIVILIAN SECURITY OFFICERS. THEY WERE PULLED FOR THE REASON ALREADY GIVEN -- ANY ATTACK WAS EXPECTED EARLIER. CRAMPSEY MADE THE POINT THAT DOUBLING MARINE GUARDS AT THE NUMBER OF INSTALLATIONS HE HAS TO COVER WOULD DO NOTHING BUT SPREAD OUT HIS RESOURCES. WHAT HE DOES, AND DID THE NIGHT OF THE ATTACK, IS TO MAINTAIN A MOBILE REACTION FORCE THAT CAN BRING RESERVES TO THE SITE OF ANY EMERGENCY. ON THE NIGHT OF THE ATTACK, MOBILE RESERVES WERE ARRIVING AT THE EMBASSY WITHIN SEVEN MINUTES OF THE FIRST SHOTS.

6. I AM EXPRESSING MY THANKS AND YOURS TO OUR PEOPLE HERE FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING COOPERATION THROUGHOUT OUR VISIT.

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